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THE SOUTH FOR TAFT

It is hard to believe that President Roosevelt has made an explicit statement that there will be practically no opposition to Secretary Taft in the Republican national convention, and that it is the purpose of the administration to send the President's son-in-law, Nicholas Longworth, to the United States Senate from Ohio. It is well understood that President Roosevelt, upon retiring from the White House, will be a candidate for United States Senator from New York, and we would have the spectacle of one family controlling the Presidency and two seats in the United States Senate. If this is the Roosevelt idea, no wonder there is bitter opposition to his re-election for a third term. It is more than likely, however, that the Oregonian's Washington correspondent, in his anxiety for a "good story" draws largely upon his imagination. It is said the President claims for his pet candidate the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Missouri as absolutely certain, and feels confident of California, Oregon, Utah, North and South Dakota, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The States claimed by the President as certain to vote in the convention for Mr. Taft belong to the Solid South, and there is no probability that any of them will give him a vote in the Electoral College against Mr. Bryan, who is certain to be his opponent. Their vote is controlled in conventions by federal appointees and the intelligent white voters have no more to say about it than if they were citizens of China. Their solid support in a national convention is a disgrace to any candidate and will injure him at the polls. As to the vote of Oregon, it has always been handled by the bosses, and probably this year will be no exception to the rule, though we believe, if the voters of the Republican party were given a chance to express their preference, they would decide in favor of Governor Hughes as against Secretary Taft.

After fighting their case for over ten years in the various courts of the United States and even invoking the Privy Council of England in their fight against extradition, Benjamin Green and John F. Gayner were last week beaten in the Supreme Court of the United States and will have to serve their sentences of four years each in the penitentiary and pay a fine aggregating over \$1,000,000. Green and Gayner were the famous contractors for the Savannah harbor work, the men who conspired with Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, the Army Engineer Corps officer, to do the government out of over a million dollars. Carter was the first and only Army engineer who has ever gone wrong in money matters and his downfall was a severe blow to the pride of the Corps and almost killed Gen. J. M. Wilson, the then Chief Engineer of the Army. Capt. Carter fought his case hard and denied that he had profited by any wrong doing, but the court took a different view of it and Carter came up like a man, served his term in Leavenworth and got through with it. He always was a fine engineer, whatever other shortcomings he might have had, and he is now in the employ of a big railroad and his past almost forgotten. But Green and Gayner were rich men aside from the fruits of their crookedness, and they fought extradition as long as they could in New York and then jumped to Canada. For almost ten years they kept up the fight. They lived at the best hotel in Quebec, lived like the millionaires they were, but they were cut by the only people they would have liked to associate with and finally fell out with each other so that they must have led a very unpleasant existence. Finally were lodged in jail for seven months and then brought back to the United States. They were convicted in Savannah and now they have the prospect of four years in the penitentiary

million each and having spent \$200,000 each to prevent being convicted. Their sordid romance is all over but the sentence. Justice has caught up with them at last, and probably they think now that Capt. Carter was the wiser man.

The Oregonian holds that unless the Philippines are to be granted free trade with the United States they should be given their independence. It seems to us that the theory is untenable unless it can be demonstrated that such a measure would be mutually beneficial, and if free trade with our insular possessions in Asia would be beneficial to the people of the United States why would not free trade with continental Asia and all the rest of the world be still better? This Government has given the Filipinos as great a measure of self government as they are capable of using for their own good. It has relieved them from the oppressive rule of the Spaniards and is spending immense sums in educating them and in internal improvements for their benefit. It is hard to understand how it owes them anything, except the duty of educating them as rapidly as possible in order that they may be self-governing and self-sustaining. The revenue derived from goods from the island is purely protective, and not one cent of it goes to the profit of the United States, and, as the Oregonian argues that the burden of a protective tariff falls upon the consumer, we are good enough to pay the duty and then hand it back to our little brown brothers.

As we understand it the Taft bill is not reciprocal. It proposes to remove the duty from goods imported into this country from the Philippines, but to retain the duty levied upon goods sent to the island from this country. Which is more than kind.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven as the label of this remedy is not only one of the safest but the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

NEHALEM NOTES.

Irving Knowles is on the sick list.
Grand Ball at Vernonia New Years eve. All are invited.
Mr. Ainsworth, of the Watkins Medicine Co., spent last week in the valley.
Carl Malmberg is back from Blind Slough where he has been working.
Lou Emmons is hauling freight for Throop's store in Vernonia.
Lincoln Peterson, who has been attending college at Pullman is spending the holidays with home folks at Natal.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Balbridge are back from Springfield, Or., where they spent the past six months.

Miss Grace Mann is spending the holidays with her parents at Hillsboro. She will return to her school the first of the year.

Oak Ranch school has purchased a new handsome Estey organ.

Game wardens from Portland spent last week in the valley and succeeded in catching a few of our sports for violating the game laws.

W. F. Deeds is spending the holidays in Portland and Vancouver. What's the attraction, Bill.

Natal Grange No. 302 elected the following officers last Saturday: Master, W. H. Rome; Overseer, Oliver Burris; Lecturer, L. H. Peterson; Steward, David Kaye; Asst. Steward, H. Ruddiman; Chaplin, Andrew Elliott; Treas. E. J. Peterson; Sec., Claus Messing; Gatekeeper, August Johnson; Lady Asst. Steward, Ada Burris; Court, Mrs. Mary Steele, Mrs. C. B. Fisher, Mrs. Wm. Pringle; Trustees, N. D. Peterson, B. N. Lind, Oliver Burris.

Vernonia Grange has elected its officers for 1908. Master, A. Horsford; Overseer, Newt Parker; Lecturer, Ethel Pringle; Steward, Robert Lindsay; Asst. Steward, C. Reed; Sec., J. G. Pringle; Chaplain, Miss Amanda Cheldelin; Treas., Chas. Bergerson; G. K., Wm. Duggins; Lady Asst. Steward, Miss Lillie Cheldelin; Court, Miss Irene Duggins, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Coulter.

A Higher Health Level

"Have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Houlton, Warren, Scarborough, and Deer Island

Ganderbone's January Forecast.

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"What are the bugles blowing for?"
Said Bach'lor on parade;
"It's New Year Day, its New Year Day."
The Woman Hater said.
"What makes you look so white, so white?"
Said Bach'lor on parade;
"I'm dreading what we've got to face,"
The Woman Hater said.
"For Leap Year is upon us,
And the girls will use a wire.
They'll hook us like a poodle
When the licenses expire,
An' they'll dump us in the wagon
An' we're off to find a squire,
For they're laying for the bach'lor
In the mornin'."

The big bet for this month will be Taft. The Atlantic fleet will approach the Horn with a bent spy-glass, looking around for Japs. "O, Hell," whispered in Uncle Joe Cannon's ear, will be the pass-word to get anything before Congress. Japan will have a slack month at the Nagasaki navy yards, and will build only twenty seven more war ships. The guess on Roosevelt's future for this month will be that he will become a Congressman after he leaves the White House, and will go into the ring with Williams and DeArmond. Mr. Bryan will walk around the Democratic nomination with a hammer, to see if there is any place where he could nail it down. Money will continue shy, raising out of range and flying eight miles. Mr. Lawton will put on his mask on and go back into the game, jobs will continue to run when they see you coming, and sometime during the month Mr. Morgan will decide whether he has all the money he wants now, or if he will continue the panic.

After the 20th we shall be under the influence of Aquarius the water carrier, the eleventh sign. Prohibition will establish about eighty more storm centers, booze will run another mile in nothing south of the Mason & Dixon line, and Carrie Nation will work with a hatchet in each hand. To quote an Omar of the Oklahoma desert,

Hush little bar-room,
Don't you cry—
You'll be a drug-store
By and by.

January was named after Janus Bifrons, known as "Two-Faced-Janus." He was the originator of what is known as "the politician's life-saver." A wave of Prohibition was sweeping over Rome, and Bifrons, a candidate for the Senate, had to declare himself one way or the other to every third man he met. But he was a foxy Dago, and when he was asked, "Do you drink, Bifrons?" he would slyly ask in return, "Is this an invitation, or do you just want to know?"

Rome had a gate named for Janus. It led from the Palatine to the Quirinal Hill, and was closed only when Rome was at peace with the world. This occurred but four times—under Numa, Augustus Caesar and Vespasian, and after the first Panic War. Julius Caesar kept the gate wider open than anybody. Just to satisfy himself that no other Roman had ever had anything on him in this respect, he once drove twenty loads of hay through the gate abreast, as against a record of fourteen loads. Caesar was a great joker, and his favorite pun was made at this gate. Riding through when the sun was setting, he pointed at the sunset with one hand and at the passing railroad construction crew with the other, and exclaimed to his lieutenants, "Behold, the day goes!" Another year (mark well the rhyme) Has joined the Host of Father Time. A few more solid banks will burst To many trusting one's disgust. The widow recently bereft Will pop the question right and left, And luckless man, of Leap Year butt, Will scramble for the tall uncut.

The sport in Congress will consist of battles with the horny fist, the gentleman Missouri bred will wall some one a noodle head; they'll clinch and bite each other's cheek, the frightened galleries will shriek; the Speaker will get out a gun, the man from Arkansas will run, the sergeant will bolt through the door, the fight will spread upon the floor, the clerk will climb the chaplain's back, and the air will sound with Biff and Whack; the War Department will turn out, the Senate will get in the bout, and Fairbanks with triumphant cry, will black Ben Tilman's other eye; the President will get his hat, his boxing gloves and trusty bat, and will exclaim on coming back, "All's quiet on the Potomack!"

After that we shall have very pleasant weather. The moon will be full on the 18th, and persons we never heard of will be mentioned for vice president. The Fish-Harriman fight will go into the tenth round, and Mr. Fish will complain to The Hague tribunal that Mr. Harriman is using knuckles. General Funston, on guard at Goldfield, will ap-

to Washington where the fighting is going on; Christmas presents will be exchanged for something you want, and Japan hearing that the fleet is to keep right on across the Pacific, will move over on the mainland and dig cyclone cellars.

Persons born in January have cold feet, and do not play poker. If they are born under the influence of Aquarius the water carrier, they will vote dry. They are very ingenious, and know how to turn the gas meter back. They have large families and small incomes. They are good at figures and

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Don't answer the doorbell this month. It's a book agent. Keep the silverware under the coal pile. If you come home late at night, look out for highwaymen, and walk in the middle of the street, as the policeman does. Don't write love letters. She will save them.

The trusts will continue to show us where to head in, and Congress will vote our money like it was their's. The fashionable wintering places for the month will be Southern California and the Florida coast, and all trains bound to those points will be loaded with plasterers and bricklayers, with their families.

And then the short lived month of Feb, when woman will complete her web, and foolish man will bawl about until the spider dashes out and nails him neatly to the mast for so long as his life shall last.

But notwithstanding Leap Year's tricks, And maids' and widows' weeds, And though our hard luck comes along Just like a string of beads, Cheer up, cheer up! It's not so bad With us as 'tis with Ted, Who had to come to it and knock His third term in the head.

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